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From:	ACP Working Party
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Subject:	Draft Council Decision on the financial contributions to be paid by Member States to finance the European Development Fund, including the ceiling for 2017, the amount for 2016, the first instalment for 2016 and an indicative and non-binding forecast for the expected annual amounts for the years 2018 and 2019 - Adoption

1. On 26 October 2015, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision establishing the financial contributions to be paid by the Member States to finance the European Development Fund (EDF) regarding:
 - the ceiling of the contribution for 2017,
 - the annual amount of the contribution for 2016,
 - the amount of the first instalment of the contribution for 2016 (to be paid by Member States before 21 January 2016),
 - the indicative and non-binding forecast for the expected annual amounts for the years 2018 and 2019.

This proposal, based on Articles 21 to 24 of the Financial Regulation applicable to the 11th EDF¹, sets the ceiling for the annual amount of 2017 at EUR 3 850 000 000 for the Commission, and at EUR 150 000 000 for the European Investment Bank (EIB); the annual amount of contributions for 2016 at EUR 3 450 000 000 for the Commission, and at EUR 150 000 000 for the EIB; and the first instalment for 2016 at EUR 1 750 000 000 for the Commission.

2. EDF contributions for 2016 will consist of funds coming from the 10th EDF (to which 27 Member States contribute) for both the EIB and the Commission.
3. The ACP Working Party examined the Commission proposal and agreed on the text of the draft Council Decision on 17 November 2015.
4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is accordingly invited to recommend that the Council, as an “A” item on its agenda:
 - adopt the Decision, as set out in document 13509/15, after finalisation by the legal/linguistic experts, acting by the qualified majority provided for in Article 8 of the Internal Agreement applicable to the 11th EDF²;
 - order its publication in the Official Journal.

¹ OJ L 58, 3.3.2015, p. 17.

² OJ L 210, 6.8.2013, p. 1.